Sl.No.	Items/Projects/Programmes	Grants released (Rs. Lakhs)
5.	Young Scientists Fellowships	2.23
	YEAR 2000-2001	
1.	Core support to Council	21.50
2.	Science Popularisation Programmes	14.29
3.	Young Scientists Fellowships	0.87

Decision of Cricket Control Board against particiption in tournaments

2259. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Control for Cricket in India has decided against participation in the World Cup, the Asia Cup, the ICC Knockout tournament and other such international sports events until Government issued concerete, uniform and clear policy guidelines for such participation;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the Board's decision; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Government has not received any formal communication from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) regarding its decision. However, the Government has clarified its policy to BCCI that under the prevailing circumstances, it would be inappropriate for the Indian team to participate in a two-nation tournament between India and Pakistan at present. The Government has also taken a decision not to play any matches at non-regular venues at least for a period of three years. India will thus continue to play Pakistan in multilateral tournaments at regular venues. However, the permission to play in a particular event will be given on receipt of the proposal on case-to-case basis after completing requisite formalities.